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Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board
First Things First
4000 North Central Avenue, Suite 800
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RE: Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council Child Care Scholarship Strategy

Dear Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board,

Thank you for approving the FY 2011 Child Care Scholarship strategy for our region at the December Board Meeting and the amendment which was approved by the Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council on January 12, 2010 and by the Board in January 2010.

Recently the Regional Council learned that \$109,544.81 was being returned from the United Way Emergency Scholarships to the Council for further consideration. In light of the economic conditions that continue to challenge our families and the need to stabilize our Quality First centers, the Regional Council unanimously voted to add \$19,800 to FY2010 Quality First Child Care Scholarships and use the remaining \$89,745 to continue those additional scholarships for FY2011. This would bring the total funding for FY2011 for Quality First Child Care Scholarships to \$653,831.

We respectfully request approval of this change to the strategy to allow First Things First staff and the Regional Council to move forward to implement this expanded strategy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Pat VanMaanen
Council Member
Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council



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NORTHEAST MARICOPA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL 2011 FUNDING PLAN SUMMARY

Regional Allocation 2011: \$ 3,175,131

Carry Forward from 2010: \$ 76,085

Funding Available for Allocation in 2011: \$ 3,251,216

Prioritized Needs	Goal Area	Proposed Strategies	Portion of Regional Allocation	Recommendation to the Board
Lack of a comprehensive system to support families in obtaining the health, developmental and educational supports to be healthy and ready to learn	Family Support	Strategy 1 Newborn Intervention and Family Support	\$715,000	Approved January 26, 2010
Lack of services for children birth through five		Strategy 2 Home Visitation -Ft McDowell Early Intervention Program for Children Birth to Three	\$157,500	Approved January 26, 2010
Empower parents to obtain support to be effective parents				
Limited high quality early care and education settings	Quality, Access and Affordability	Strategy 3 Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships Program	\$478,000	Approved January 26, 2010
Limited access to high quality affordable Pre-kindergarten programs				
Large areas of the Region have no Head Start or Title One Pre-school Programs and other areas have large waiting lists for service				
Lack of quality child care programs	Quality, Access and Affordability	Strategy 4 Quality First	\$324,280	Approved January 26, 2010
Lack of support for parents and early education and care settings to meet the needs of children with Developmental /Social Emotional issues that will allow children to function successfully in early care and education settings.	Health	Strategy 5 Mental Health Consultation	\$360,000	Approved January 26, 2010

Lack of support for parents in crisis situations regarding developmental and mental health issues in implementing positive parenting and behavioral management.	Family Support	Strategy 6 Crisis Intervention	\$297,000	
Retention of highly qualified early childhood development workforce	Professional Development	Strategy 7 T.E.A.C.H.	\$ 0	Not being submitted for Board approval.
Over 35% of children in the Region are entering school with untreated tooth decay and only 28% have received the recommended sealants.	Health	Strategy 8 Oral Health	\$158,400	Approved January 26, 2010
Fragmentation of services in the area as well as lack of coordination of services across regions.	Coordination	Strategy 8 Collaboration	Unfunded	
Economic downturn has impacted the affordability of child care for families and the enrollment in child care centers. Many centers struggling to survive.	Quality, Access and Affordability	Strategy 10 Child Care Family Scholarships for children enrolled in Quality First Centers	\$653,831	Recommend Approval
Increase community awareness of the importance of early childhood	Communication	Strategy 11 Communication	\$130,000	Approved June 15, 2010
		Subtotal of Expenditures	\$3,274,011	
		Fund Balance	\$-22,795	
		Grand Total	\$3,251,216	

Northeast Maricopa Summary Financial Chart SFY 2010- 2012

Revenue	SFY 2010	SFY 2011	SFY 2012	Total
			ESTIMATED	
FTF Total Allocation for SFY	\$2,748,080	\$3,175,131	\$3,175,131	\$9,098,342
Fund Balance (carry forward from previous SFY)	N/A	\$76,085	-\$22,795	
Total Available Funds	\$2,748,080	\$3,251,216	\$3,152,336	
Strategies	SFY 2010 OBLIGATED	SFY 2011 PLANNED	SFY 2012	Total
			ESTIMATED	
Strategy 1 - Newborn Intervention (Includes both Healthy Steps and Healthy Families Approach)	\$650,000	\$715,000	\$715,000	\$2,080,000
Strategy 2 - Home Visitation - Ft. McDowell Early Intervention	\$150,000	\$157,500	\$157,500	\$465,000
Strategy 3 - Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships	\$372,000	\$478,000	\$478,000	\$1,328,000
Strategy 4 - Quality First	\$189,750	\$324,280	\$324,280	\$838,310
Strategy 5 - Mental Health Consultation	\$150,000	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$870,000
Strategy 6 - Crisis Intervention	\$270,000	\$297,000	\$297,000	\$864,000
Strategy 7 - T.E.A.C.H.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Strategy 8 - Oral Health	\$0	\$158,400	\$158,400	\$316,800
Strategy 9 - Collaboration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Strategy 10 - Child Care Family Scholarships	\$298,686	\$653,831	\$653,831	\$1,606,348
Strategy 11 - Communication	\$0	\$130,000	\$23,813	\$153,813
Emergency Food Boxes	\$6,581	\$0	\$0	\$6,581
Emergency Child Care Scholarships*	\$574,978	\$0	\$0	\$574,978
Needs and Assets	\$10,000	\$0	\$31,751	\$41,751
Subtotal Expenditures	\$2,671,995	\$3,274,011	\$3,199,576	\$9,145,582
Fund Balance (carry forward)	\$76,085	-\$22,795	-\$47,240	
Total	\$2,748,080	\$3,251,216	\$3,152,336	

*A total of \$109,545 was not expended from the emergency scholarships strategy. These funds were used to increase the funding level of the child care scholarships in 2010 and 2011. Once SFY10 is reconciled the carry forward balance will accurately reflect the total dollars not expended in 2010 and eliminate the negative fund balance in 2011.